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Report Highlights:

MY 2005/2006 cotton production has been lowered to 1.2 million metric tons (MMT) due to slightly lower yields. Exports are forecast higher than expected as the less cotton is used for domestically.

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PRODUCTION

According to official data, as of 1/30/06, Uzbekistan's MY 2005/06 final seed cotton harvest is estimated at 3.749 MMT, which is 149,000 MT higher than the official state target. Favorable weather conditions during the vegetation period and harvesting in September and October benefited crop conditions and allowed farmers to exceed state targets. However, official statistics can be overstated. As a result, based on information received from the trade, post forecasts Uzbekistan's MY 05/06 seed cotton production at 3.7 MMT and lint accordingly at 1.2 MMT.

Table 1. Cotton Production, Supply and Demand

Uzbekistan, Republic of Cotton							
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		08.2003		08.2004		08.2005	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	1359000	1359000	1391000	1391000	1391000	1391000	(HECTARE)
Area Harvested	1431000	1359000	1456000	1391000	1391000	1391000	(HECTARE)
Beginning Stocks	221646	166770	200962	134110	153110	153110	(MT)
Production	892678	892680	1132178	1114000	1210000	1200000	(MT)
Imports	1089	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
MY Imports. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1115413	1059450	1333140	1248110	1363110	1353110	(MT)
Exports	674952	642290	860020	810000	850000	880000	(MT)
USE Dom. Consumption	239499	283050	190511	285000	290000	250000	(MT)
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	239499	283050	190511	285000	290000	250000	(MT)
Ending Stocks	200962	134110	282609	153110	223110	223110	(MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1115413	1059450	1333140	1248110	1363110	1353110	(MT)

CONSUMPTION

In spite recent government plans to expand domestic consumption of lint to 50 percent of production within the next few years, Uzbekistan's FY 05/06 domestic consumption is forecast to lower to 250,000 MT (40,000 MT decrease) reportedly due government's plans to increase exports for foreign exchange.

Table 2. FY 05/06 Cotton area, production target and the actual harvest by regions

Regions	Target area Thous.Ha	Prod.Target Thous.tons	Actual Prod Thous.tons
Karakalpakstan	100,0	185,0	212,6
Andijan	107,0	310,0	318,8
Bukhara	115,4	360,0	395,6
Djizakh	106,4	234,0	265,4
Kashkadarya	164,0	426,0	475,4
Navoi	39,4	110,0	116,6
Namangan	94,2	261,0	273,0
Samarkand	103,4	248,0	260,4
Surkhandarya	123,0	345,0	300,1
Syrdarya	115,3	248,0	248,1
Tashkent	108,0	275,0	275,3
Fergana	115,3	323,0	323,2
Khorezm	100,0	275,0	284,5
Total Republic	1391,4	3600,0	3749,0

TRADE

The MY 2005/06 lint export forecast has been increased to 880,000 MT (30,000 MT higher than earlier estimates) due to the GOU's plans to increase this year's exports.